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SUBJ: FAROE/EC FISHERIES AGREEMENT

1. FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FAROES AND THE EC ENDED IN THORSHAVN YESTERDAY WITH AN AGREEMENT WHICH HAS TO BE RATIFIED BY BOTH THE EC MINISTER COUNCIL AND THE FAROESE PARLIAMENT. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT THE FAROESE CAN CONTINUE FISHING AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL IN THE NORTH SEA. HOWEVER, THE QUOTA FOR EC VESSELS IN FAROESE WATERS HAS BEEN REDUCED ALMOST 50 PERCENT TO 11,600 TONS OF COD AND HADDOCK. THE EC HAS APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TONS OF THIS FIGURE REMAINING TO BE CAUGHT THIS YEAR.

2. A DANISH FISHERY MINISTRY MEMBER TOLD THE EMBASSY THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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MIGHT BE DIFFICULTY GETTING THE AGREEMENT APPROVED TO BRUSSELS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF UK OBJECTING BECAUSE THE CUT PRIMARILY AFFECTS UK VESSELS. THE FAROESE ALSO INDICATED THEY RESERVED THE RIGHT TO ABROGATE THE AGREEMENT ANY TIME THE EC ARBITRARILY SETS CLOSED AREAS WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO FAROESE INTERESTS.

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